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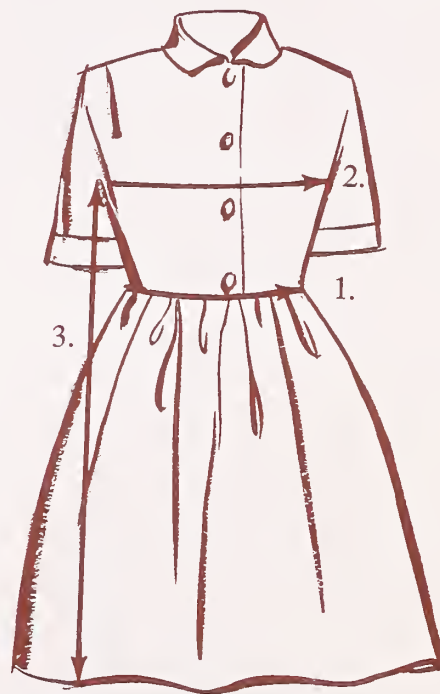
Measure for a Dress

Measure the girl.

1. Measure around her waist. Write this down.
2. Measure around her chest. Add 3 inches. Write this down.
3. Measure from the armpit to the length she wants the dress. Write this down.

When you go to buy, take a tape measure and the measurements you wrote down. Fasten the dress openings.

1. Measure around the waist of the dress.
2. Measure around the dress under the armholes. Try to find a dress that is like the chest and waist measures you wrote down.
3. Measure from the armhole to the bottom of the skirt. If the dress is too long, you can shorten it. If it's too short, don't buy it.

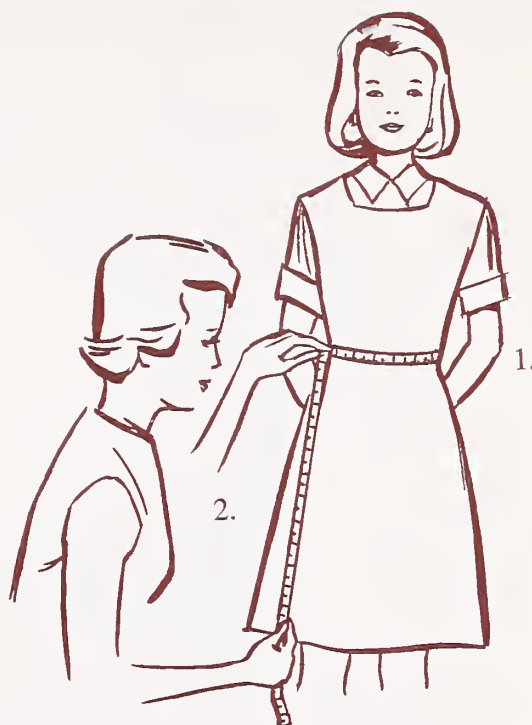


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Measure for a Skirt

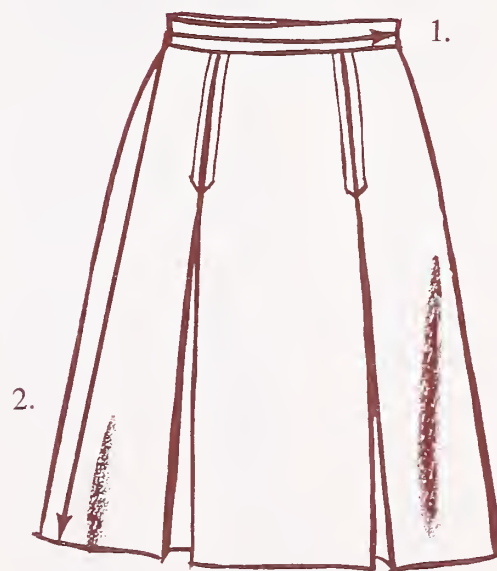
Measure the girl.

1. Measure her waist. Write this down.
2. Measure from her waist to the length she wants the skirt. Write this down.



When you go to buy, take a tape measure and the measurements you wrote down.

1. Fasten the skirt.
Measure around the waist.
Try to find a skirt that is like the waist measure you wrote down.
2. Measure the skirt from the waist to the bottom. If it is too long, you can shorten it.



Measure for Panties or Undershorts

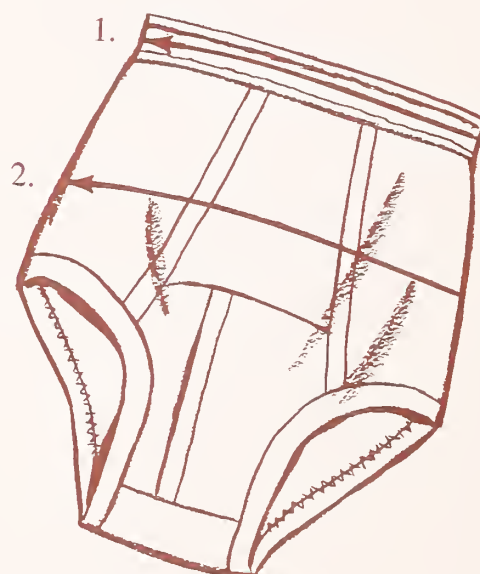
Measure the boy or girl.

1. Measure the waist. Take away 2 inches. Write this down.
2. Measure around the hips. Write this down.



When you go to buy, take a tape measure and the measurements you wrote down.

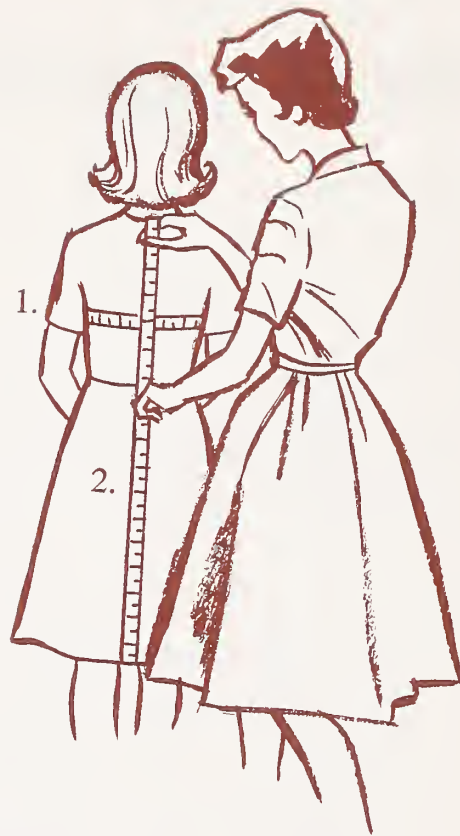
1. Measure the waist of the undershorts or panties.
 2. Measure around the seat.
- Try to find shorts or panties that are like the measures you wrote down.



Measure for a Coat

Measure the girl.

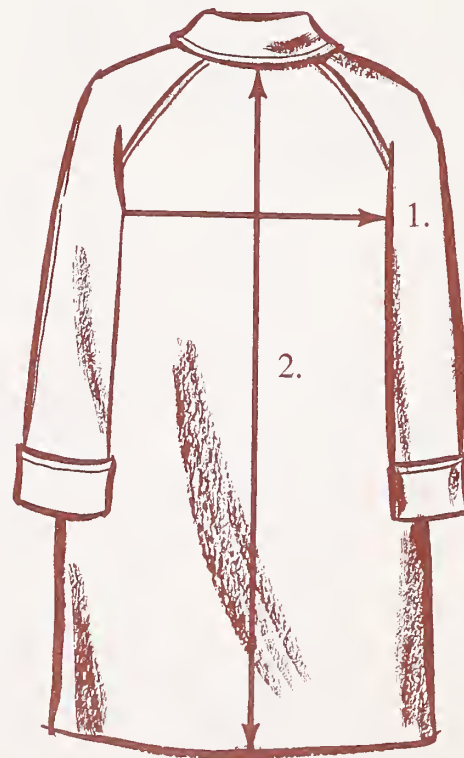
1. Measure her chest. Add 6 inches. Write this down.
2. Find the large bone at the back of her neck. Measure from this down to the length of her dress. Add 1 inch. Write this down.



When you go to buy, take a tape measure and the measurements you wrote down.

1. Button the coat. Measure around the coat under the armholes.
2. Measure the back from the neck to the hem.

Try to find a coat that is like the chest measure you wrote down. If it is too long, you can shorten it.



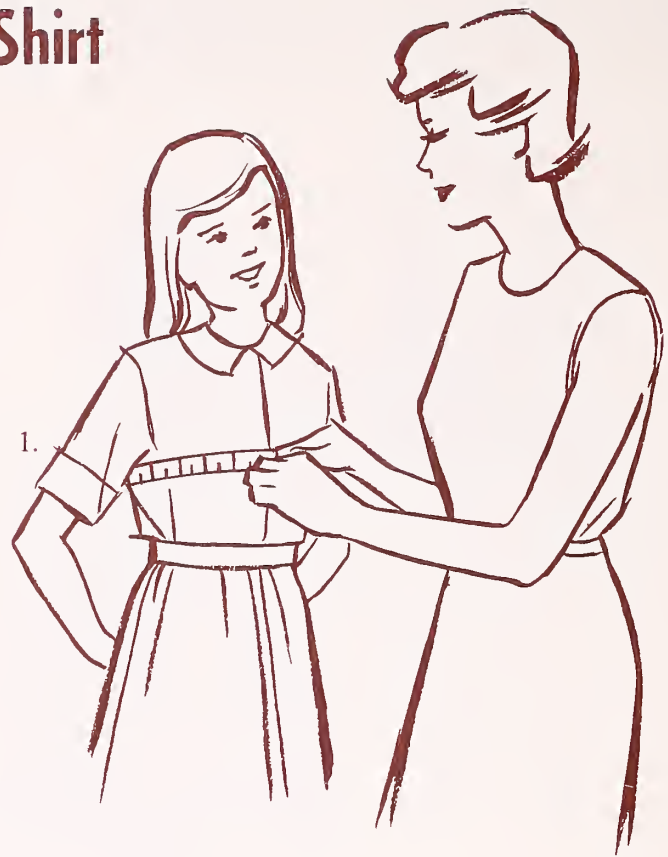
Measure for a Blouse or Shirt

Measure the girl.

1. Measure her chest. Add 3 inches. Write this down.

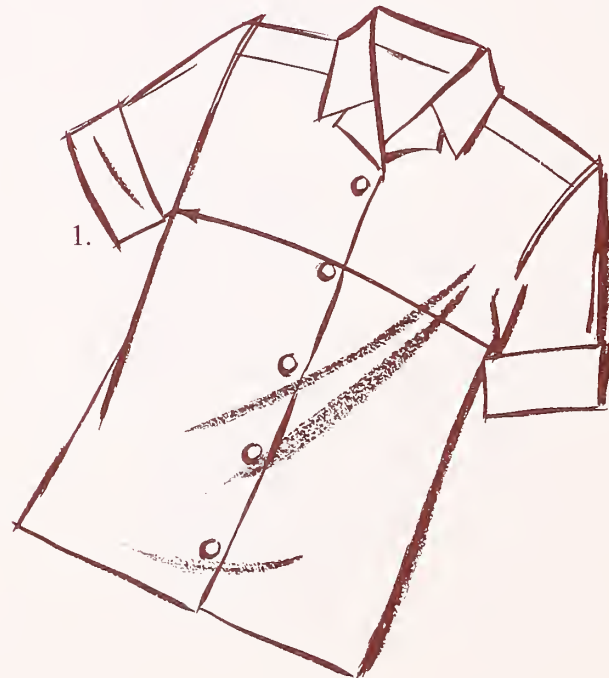
Measure the boy.

1. Measure his chest. Add 4 inches. Write this down.



When you go to buy, take a tape measure and the measurements you wrote down.

1. Button the blouse or shirt.
Measure around the blouse or shirt under the armholes.
Try to find a blouse or shirt that is like the chest measure you wrote down.



Measure for a Jacket

Measure the boy.

1. Measure his chest. Add 6 inches. Write this down.



When you go to buy, take a tape measure and the measurement you wrote down.

1. Fasten the jacket.

Measure around the jacket under the armholes.

Try to find a jacket that is like the chest measure you wrote down.



Measure for Pants

Measure the boy.

1. Put a string around him at the place he wants the top of his pants to come to. Measure around him there. Write this down.
2. Measure from the string to the place he wants the bottom of his pant leg to come to. Write this down.



When you go to buy, take a tape measure and the measurements you wrote down.

1. Close the fly of the pants. Measure around the top of the pants. Try to find pants like the measurement you wrote down.
2. Measure the pants from the top to the bottom of the leg at the side seam. If the pants legs are too long, you can shorten them.

